unskilled doctors are using a new eye surgery viz. Phacoemulsification, which harms the patients; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to check such malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Phacoemulsification is the most modern technique for cataract extraction with Intraocular lens implantation. While this procedure is common in developed countries, it is new for India and can be followed by persons who are or were doing cataract operation by conventional methods. Like all new procedures, this also has its own learning curve. There are several facilities available in the country where this procedure is done as a routine and where Ophthalmologists can observe and gain experience in this procedure of phacoemulsification.

Concession extended to the accredited press persons for air journey

1092. SHRI M.A. BABY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any concession extended to the accredited press persons for air journey;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government will think of providing such concession in domestic routes?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM):
(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such proposal at present, is under consideration.

दूरदर्शन और विदेशी टी०वी० नेटवर्कों द्वारा प्रसारित कार्यक्रमों के लिए दर्शकों की वरीयता का पता लगाना

1093. श्री अजीत जोगी: क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या विदेशी टी० वी० नेटवर्कों द्वारा प्रसारित कार्यक्रमों की तुलना में दूरदर्शन द्वारा प्रसारित कार्यक्रमों के लिए दर्शकों की वरीयता निर्धारित करने हेतु कोई अध्ययन कराया गया है या कराया जायेगा; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा और निष्कर्ष क्या है?

नागर विमानन मंत्री तथा सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री सी०एम० इब्राहीम): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Multi-point initiative for comprehensive development of tourism

1094. SHRI JAYANT KUMAR MALHOUTRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to bring out a multi-point initiative to comprehensively develop tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a tourism oriented training programme is also envisaged in the proposed plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken to promote tourism in the Himalayan region and make it eco-friendly?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) to (d) The Department of Tourism has drawn a strategy paper for a comprehensive development of Tourism in the country. Human Resource Development in Tourism is a major component of the strategy.

(e) The Himalayan Tourism Advisory

Board (HIMTAB) constituted by the Department of Tourism has formulated Policies and guidelines for the development of eco-friendly Tourism in the Himalayan region.

Development of Tourism Infrastructure in Orissa

1095. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has been laying much emphasis on the development of tourism infrastraucture;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that direction in Orissa during the 8th plan;

(c) whether any plan has been formulated for the development of infrastructure in 9th plan; and

(d) if so, the details of the schedule proposed thereon for Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Tourism has sanctioned 19 projects amounting to Rs. 449.06 lakhs for Tourism infrastructure development to Orissa during 8th plan.

(c) and (d) Yes. Sir, the Report of Working Group on Tourism for the 9th plan gives emphasis on infrastructure development in the country. However it docs not specify any state wise plan as it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to prepare such plan.

Caloric-intake among children

1096. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been made in the last five years of the average per capita intake of protein and energy in urban and rural areas in the country;

(b) if so, what is the calorie-intake of adults vis-a-vis pre-school children;

(c) whether food security in the house-hold is a factor in calorie-intake among children; and

(d) if not, what efforts are being made to educate the patients parents about the children's nutritional needs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) The National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau of Indian Council of Medical Research has conducted survey in rural areas about per capita intake of protein and energy. As per surveys, the calorie intake of adults was more than 95% of the recommended dietary allowances (RDA) while that of pre-school children ranged from 63% to 72% of recommended dietary allowances.

(c) and (d) The Government of India have initiated several measures to improve the nutritional status as well as nutritional needs of children. These arc as follows:—

(i) Availability of essential foodgrains at subsidised cost through the Public Distribution System (PDS) and Revamped Public Distribution System (RPDS).

(ii) Improving the purchasing power of the people through Income Generating Schemes.

(iii) Nutrition and Health Education to increase the awareness and bring appropriate changes in the feeding practices of the children.

(iv) Other measures include supplementary feeding programme like Integrated / Child Development Services (ICDS), Mid-day / Meal / Programme (MMP), Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP), Balwadi Nutrition Programme (BNP) and Wheat Based / Nutrition Programme (WNP). For